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SUBJ: LABOR MINISTER MUNRO IN HOSPITAL

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1. MUNRO SPENT WEEKEND IN OTTAWA HOSPITAL UNDER SEDATION FOR "FATIGUE AND INSOMNIA", AND WILL PROBABLY NOT RETURN TO COMMONS FOR SEVERAL DAYS, POSSIBLY UNTIL AFTER RETURN OF PRIMIN TRUDEAU MARCH 16. MEANWHILE SHARP QUESTIONING BY OPPOSITION CONTINUES. ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE THAT MUNRO INTERVENED TO OBTAIN RESIDENT ALIEN STATUS IN 1962 RPT 1962 FOR YUGOSLAV SEAMAN ILLEGALLY IN CANADA. OTHER MINISTERS IN COMMONS ARE BEING ASKED DAILY ABOUT PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION INTO HAMILTON "HARBORGATE" AFFAIRS.

2. WHILE THERE IS NO PRESENT INDICATION THAT MUNRO DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ANY IMPROPRIETY, HE IS TENSE AND EASILY OFFENDED INDIVIDUAL. OTHER, AND TOUGHER, CABINET MEMBERS MIGHT BRUSH ASIDE THESE ATTACKS, BUT POSSIBILITY STILL EXISTS THAT MUNRO WILL RESIGN HIS PORTFOLIO AT LEAST UNTIL HAMILTON HARBOR INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED. MUNRO'S DIFFICULTIES ARE ALREADY BEING FELT IN LABOR MINISTRY (SEPTTEL) AND

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PROBLEM WILL HAVE HIGH PRIORITY ON TRUDEAU'S RETURN.

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